

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in York County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

August 14, 2012 to September 11, 2012

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT :

DOI/National Park Service

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to repair and stabilize the York River shoreline at Colonial National Historical Park to protect the Colonial Parkway in York County. The repair of the existing shoreline protection system and the installation of new structures within park property would commence near the confluence of Felgates Creek and the York River and continue downstream to the boundary with the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown. Actions needed to achieve these goals include the rehabilitation or installation of a combination of shoreline treatments, including rock revetments, rock spurs, continuous and gap sills, pocket beaches, and shore-attached breakwaters. Implementation of the NPS preferred alternative would result in long-term beneficial impacts to coastal resources and soils, wetlands, wildlife and wildlife habitat, vegetation, special status species, visitor use and experience, public safety, and infrastructure and park operations. The NPS has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposal that includes a Federal Consistency Determination (FCD). The FCD finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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